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THE HAGUE FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

1. CHARGE CALLED ON DE ROSE (FRANCE) AND DREW FULLY ON REFTTEL,
AND EXPLICITLY ON PARA 5.

2. DE ROSE SAID THAT ACTION HE HAD TAKEN AT OCTOBER 30 PERMREPS
LUNCH (USNATO 5266) STEMMED FROM INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD RECEIVED
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT. THOSE INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZE
HIM TO CIRCULATE NEW FRENCH TEXT OF NATO DECLARATION ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 12 FOR FORMAL PRESENTATION AT NOVEMBER 14 NAC. WHEN
MCAULIFFE PROPOSED THAT FRENCH DELEGATION CIRCULATE NEW TEXT
ON NOVEMBER 6 FOR DISCUSSION AT NOVEMBER 8 NAC (BURDENSHARING)
OR NOVEMBER 9 NAC (MBFR), DE ROSE REPLIED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS
WERE EXPLICIT AND THAT HE COULD NOT DEVIATE FROM THEM SINCE
GOF AND USG EVIDENTLY SEE QUESTION OF PACE RATHER DIFFERENTLY.

3. DE ROSE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT NEW FRENCH DRAFT, WHICH IS
EVERY BIT AS ELOQUENT IN FRENCH AS EARLIER VERSION, HAS BEEN
APPROVED "AT HIGH LEVEL" IN PARIS AND THAT IT DEALS WITH ALL THE
VARIOUS ISSUES RAISED BY ALL THE ALLIES. U.S. MAY FIND BURDEN-
SHARING LANGUAGE A LITTLE MORE VAGUE THAN IT MIGHT WISH; FRG MAY
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CONSIDER MBFR PHRASING A BIT MURKY; BUT THE NEW FRENCH DRAFT, MORE
THAN A PAGE LONGER THAN ITS PREDECESSOR, TOUCHES "LIGHTLY BUT
ADEQUATELY" ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS: DEMOCRACY, THE THIRD WORLD, AND
YOUTH. IN THE GOF VIEW, THE NEW TEXT SHOULD FULLY MEET ALL

THE BASIC NEEDS VOICED BY ALL ALLIES; AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS ALLOW HIM VERY LITTLE LATITUDE FOR CHANGES OR ADDITIONS. ONLY MAJOR PROBLEM THAT DE ROSE CAN FORESEE, HE REMARKED IN JEST, WILL BE THAT OF WORKING OUT THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

4. WHEN MCAULIFFE REITERATED U.S. OBJECTIONS TO DEFERRING FURTHER NAC DISCUSSION UNTIL WEEK NOVEMBER 12, DE ROSE SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARE INELASTIC. GOF WISHES TO "LET DUST SETTLE" AFTER MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. QUITE APART FROM PACE OF US-EC NINE DELIBERATIONS, GOF SEES NO NEED RELEASE ITS NEW DRAFT TO ALLIES AND ACCELERATE DISCUSSIONS IN NAC SINCE NO DATE HAS BEEN FIXED FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT. IF WASHINGTON FEELS VERY STRONGLY ON THIS MATTER, DE ROSE REQUESTED THAT SECRETARY RAISE IT WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER. HE PROMISED TO ADVISE QUAI D'ORSAY OF U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT PROCEEDING MORE RAPIDLY, BUT SAID THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE DID NOT FEEL THAT HE COULD ASK M. JOBERT TO REVERSE OR AMEND HIS PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS.

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